COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, November 19th, 1883.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall, present: Mayor Meredith Ald. Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, Hyman, Cowan, Skinner, Browne, Moore, Becher, O'Meara, and Boyd.

Minutes read and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Jane Pritchard and Mary Twohey—Asking remission of taxes. No. 1.

REPORT NO. THREE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hunt, chairman—Respecting the petition of the Woman's Christian Association, your committee beg to recommend it to the favorable consideration of the Council, and that No. 1 Committee be instructed to provide funds for the same as this committee have no money at their disposal. Adopted.

REPORT NO. TWO COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Browne, chairman

1. Payment of the Commissioners' pay roll to Nov. 14, $87 23; Screaton & Gibson, Clarence street sewer, $200; Moses Cox, Ridout street sewer, $250. Total, $450.

2. That the prayer of the petition of Thos. Nicholson for a crossing on King street, opposite the Market House, be granted.

3. Report progress on petition of the Rev. J. W. P. Smith and churchwardens for a drain.

4. That the Executive Committee of the Flood Fund refuse to pay the amount passed at the last meeting of the Council.

Ald. Browne moved and Ald. Skinner seconded, that the amount be paid out of the city funds. Carried. Ald. Becher objecting.

Report was then adopted.

REPORT OF NO. ONE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hyman, chairman.

1. Payment of H. Winders' account, $12 50, rent of southern pound.

2. That the petition of Robt Coote for rebate of sewer rate be granted.

3. That the petition of Marshall & Stevenson for lease of store now occupied by them be filed.

4. Your committee beg to report progress on the communication of the City Clerk of St. Catharines.

5. Your committee beg to submit a bylaw giving to the London Junction Railroad Company the privilege of the right of way on the south side of York street, south of the block occupied by the Central School.

THE RAILWAY QUESTION.

The City Solicitor read the bylaw which he said had been prepared by the solicitor of the C. V. R. as follows

BYLAW.

To give leave to the London Junction Railway Company to carry its railway along a certain highway in the city of London.

Be it enacted by the municipal corporation of the city of London,

1. That leave is hereby granted to the London Junction Railway Company to carry its railway along York street, between Burwell and Wellington streets, as laid down in the plan hereto attached.

2. That the leave hereby granted under and subject to the following conditions, on breach of which the same shall be and stand revoked and annulled:

That not more than one track shall be laid on said street.

That all street crossings shall be planked and kept planked at all times hereafter to the City Engineer's satisfaction.

That the Company shall keep watchmen at the crossings on Wellington and Waterloo streets.

That neither trains nor cars shall be permitted to stand upon York street or upon any street crossing.

That cars shall not be loaded with goods or goods unloaded from cars upon York street.

Passed in open council, etc.

The bylaw was read once, and the second reading was moved.

The following deputation from the C. V. R. and London Junction Railway appeared before the Council: Manager Wm. Whyte, R. M. Wells and John Burns, of Toronto; A. Cleghorn, president L. J. R.; and J. H. Fraser, solicitor. The following members of the Board of Education were present: Messrs. C. A. Kingston (chairman), J. M. Wilson, J. A. Cousins, A. McBride and R. Bayly, also Messrs. Thos. McCormick, J. Wolfe, F. A. Fitzgerald, Elijah Leonard, M. D. Fraser, ex-Mayor Campbell, J. B. Smyth, Frank Leonard and John McClary.

Ald. Boyd moved in amendment that the second reading of the bylaw be deferred till next meeting of the Council. Seconded by Ald. Hyman, and carried.

ANOTHER BYLAW.

The City Solicitor then read a bylaw providing for the issue of $31,000 debentures for the London Junction Railway Co., which debentures are to be held by the Bank of Commerce, as trustee, until the final and satisfactory completion and equipment of the railroad from London to Belmont.

The first reading was passed and, on motion of Ald. Hyman, seconded by Ald. Becher, the bylaw was referred to No. One Committee to fill up the blanks and report to the Council at next meeting.

The report of No. 1 Committee as amended was adopted.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

On motion of Ald. O'Meara, the City Solicitor was instructed to prepare the Free Public Library bylaw, and submit the same at the next meeting.

PROTECTING RAILWAY CROSSINGS.

Moved by Ald. Hunt, seconded by Ald. Labatt, and carried:

That the City Clerk be instructed to write to the General Manager of the G. T. R., and request that company to erect gates to protect the crossings on Ridout, Talbot, Clarence, Colborne, Furwell and Wellington streets, similar to those erected on Richmond.

CROSS SIGNS AGAIN.

On motion of Ald. Moore, seconded by Ald. Birrell, the City Engineer was instructed to enforce the bylaw requiring that cross signs be taken down.

Adjourned.